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SUBJ: PRESS BLAMES U.S. FOR CONTROVERSY ON UNIFIED ARAB
DELEGATION

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1. SPEAKING AT YAMIT TODAY PRIME MINISTER BEGIN INSISTED
ISRAEL HAD ACCEPTED IN ITS ENTIRETY THE PROPOSAL FOR A UNIFIED
ARAB DELEGATION AS IT WAS PRESENTED TO THE GOI. ANTICIPATING
BEGIN'S CLAIM, TODAY'S ISRAELI PRESS SEES THE U.S./ISRAELI
CONTROVERSY OVER THE GOI'S ACCEPTANCE OF A UNIFIED ARAB DELE-
GATION IN TERMS OF AN AMERICAN BACKING AWAY FROM ITS ORI-
GINAL PROPOSAL. THE MOST CAUSTIC IS HAARETZ, WHICH IN ITS
EDITORIAL DENIES ANY MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE
U.S. AND ISRAEL. ASSERTING THAT DAYAN HAS NO TROUBLE
UNDERSTANDING ENGLISH AND THAT HE DID NOT MISREPRESENT
THE FACTS TO THE CABINET, HAARETZ REACHES THE "INVEITABLE
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CONCLUSION THAT THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE IN THE U.S.
POSITION -- A CHANGE FOR THE WORSE FOR ISRAEL," PROBABLY
UNDER SOVIET AS WELL AS ARAB PRESSURE. HAARETZ CON-
CLUDES "UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES THE U.S. MAY BE ABLE TO
CONVENE THE GENEVA CONFERENCE BUT SHE WILL NOT SUCCEED
IN DRAGGING ISRAEL THERE."

2. THE JERUSALEM POST QUOTES JERUSALEM SOURCES AS ACCUSING WASHINGTON OF BAD FAITH IN CHALLENGING THE ISRAELI VERSION OF THE U.S. PROPOSAL. THESE SOURCES INSISTED, ACCORDING TO THE POST, THAT SUNDAY'S CABINET COMMUNIQUE DID INDEED FAITHFULLY REPRESENT THE SUBSTANCE OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S PROPOSAL. THEY ADDED THAT DAYAN HAD INFORMED CARTER THAT ONCE THE CABINET HAD APPROVED IT, ISRAEL WOULD FIND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP THE PROPOSAL FROM THE ISRAELI PUBLIC.

3. WRITING IN DAVAR, DANI BLOCH, WHO EARLIER HAD BEEN CRITICAL OF ISRAEL'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE U.S. PROPOSAL, MAINTAINED THAT THE U.S. HAS DECIDED TO BLAME ISRAEL FOR THE ARABS' REFUSAL TO ACCEPT THE SUGGESTED FORMULA. BLOCH'S ARTICLE INCLUDES A STATEMENT FROM A FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN THAT THE GOI DECISION CONTAINED ONLY WHAT HAD BEEN MENTIONED IN THE U.S. PROPOSAL, WHICH HE ADMITTED, HAD BEEN SUBMITTED ISRAEL ORALLY, AND NOT IN WRITING. WHILE BLOCH NOTES THAT THE SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT DOES NOT UNEQUIVOCALLY DENY THE U.S. CONTENTIONS, HE FEELS THAT THE U.S. WOULD LIKE TO RETRACT ITS PROPOSAL AND QUOTES JERUSALEM OBSERVERS AS BELIEVING THAT THE SITUATION WILL NOT REVERT TO A PROCEDURAL DEADLOCK. LEWIS

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